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SMITHLAND MAN SENTENCED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE METHAMPHETAMINE

– First Defendant to be Sentenced in Case Involving Iron Horsemen Motorcycle Club

LOUISVILLE, KY - **Gary Lee York**, age 53, of Smithland, Kentucky, in Livingston County, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in United States District Court, Louisville, Kentucky, for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Charles R. Simpson III, Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced York to five years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system.

York had pleaded guilty to conspiring with other persons, including at least one other member of the Iron Horsemen Motorcycle Club, to distribute methamphetamine in Livingston County and elsewhere in the Western District of Kentucky. York admitted he was personally responsible for the distribution of at least 500 grams of methamphetamine, which has a street value of approximately \$50,000 or more.

York had been charged, by Indictment filed December 6, 2005, along with several other defendants, all of whom were either members of or closely associated with the Iron Horsemen, with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in the Western District of Kentucky during the period from December, 2003, to December, 2005. One of the other defendants, Dean Keith Hamblin, has entered a guilty plea but has not yet been sentenced. Other defendants, David Lee

Richerson and Keely Champion, have entered pleas of guilty to amended charges (misprision of felony), and are also waiting to be sentenced. The remaining defendants, Dwayne Scott Hawk, Derl Sebastian Hawk, Stanley Todd Phillips, Ed Wiggins, and Eddie G. Whitlow are awaiting trial which has been scheduled for October 29, 2007, in Louisville, Kentucky.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress, and it was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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